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Al Takadoom Water Project nearing completion

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Assembly of water tower (USACE Photo)

A project to provide clean drinking water to the people of Al Takadoom village in Iraq's Wassit Province is nearing completion.

The project was begun last year by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at a cost of approximately \$600,000 and is being handled by the USACE Wassit Resident Office.

According to Maj. Clay Morgan, resident engineer at the Wassit Office, the project entails the design and construction of a new 50 cubic meter per hour compact water plant, an above-ground storage tank, and a 10 kilometer distribution network.

The project is more than 75 percent complete and is expected to be finished in a matter of weeks, said Morgan. He said the facility will provide drinkable, salt-free water to about 1,000 persons. The south of Iraq suffers from high salt content in its water as well as a history of neglect by the prior regime, making clean water a precious commodity.

Morgan said the project employs about 20 Iraqis.

Wassit is one of nine provinces in southern Iraq served by USACE's Gulf Region South district.

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